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THE BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

Excitement in the French Chamber.

(Reuter's Service.)

Paris, March 30.

An all-night sitting of the Chamber produced an excited exchange when M. Ybarnegar requested a discussion regarding the Banque Industrielle de Chine. He violently attacked M. Briand. The latter replying, when M. Poincare had intervened, declared that he did not know what M. Poincare had since learned, namely, that M. Berthelot received money from his brother. He stated that penal responsibility would be established, but it must be done by methods of justice.

INDIA'S SALT TAX DOUBLED

Viceroy Defends His Action.

Delhi, March 30.

Lord Reading has certified the Finance Bill, doubling the salt tax. The Viceroy has issued a statement defending his action on the ground that it is essential to the interests of India and the discharge of his responsibility towards Parliament. He dwells on the necessity for the rehabilitation of India's credit, and the insistence of the Press and public on financial equilibrium. The absence of alternatives to the increased salt tax, suggests unbalanced budgets which would involve dangers for the future of India, perhaps greater than any constitutional or political issue, while it would directly stifle development in the direction of education, public health, et cetera. He points out that the salt tax earlier was higher than now, and the proposed increase would have an infinitesimal effect on the poorer classes, with favourable wages and reduced food prices. Any attack on the reforms scheme on account of his certification could only be due to misapprehension. He is convinced that the action will prove of ultimate benefit in the development of reforms and advancement of India.

AMERICA'S RHINE EXPENSES.

Committee's Plan for Repayment.

Paris, March 30.

The Committee on the cost of the American army of occupation examining the American and Allied proposals for a settlement hitherto has apparently unanimously agreed to the following principles: Payment to America with absolute priority of a milliard gold marks, less the value of the material handed over at the Armistice, estimated at 30 to 40 million gold marks. Payment is to be made by twelve annual instalments of 80 millions from Germany's specie payments, without interest, the annual payments in the first four years not to exceed 25 per cent. of Germany's total payments, and if such payments be below the necessary figure, the balance is to be carried forward, but from the fifth year, America shall receive the whole amount of the annual payments due, irrespective of the payments by Germany.

LENIN SAID TO BE DYING.

Military Dictatorship Planned.

Helsingfors, March 29.

A bulletin regarding M. Lenin records the fact that digestive disturbance is causing a rise of temperature to 100.2.

Stockholm, March 29.

The Svenska Dagbladet has received a confidential message from Moscow to the Soviet Legation at Helsingfors, to the effect that Lenin is dying and that after his death a military dictatorship will be formed comprising Trotsky and five others.

BRITAIN'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS RUSSIA.

London, March 30.

In the House of Commons, before adjourning for Easter, the Labourites pressed the Government to change its policy towards Russia. Mr. Ronald McNeill stated that the policy would not be seriously influenced by the reported currents in favour of a Franco-Russian rapprochement, and pointed out that Britain had demanded the establishment of a definitely civilised legal system to which traders could look for the enforcement of contracts, recognition of debts, cessation of propaganda and restitution of property. Mr. McNeill declared that the present Government was not in any way pledged to give recognition, even if the foregoing conditions were fulfilled, but they were essential before recognition could be considered. Moreover, the Government was not inclined to stretch to a point and take the hand of fellowship of the Russian Government responsible for the recent barbarities with which the civilised world had been disgusted and dismayed.

THE CIVIL SERVICE ESTIMATES.

London, March 29.

Details of the Civil Service estimates are published. The total for the foreign service is £1,251,000, being a reduction of £2,900,000. Half of this decrease is due to a cessation of grants to refugees in the Near East. Salaries and allowances have generally increased, and include fifteen thousand pounds diplomatic and three thousand for general consular posts, eleven and a half thousand pounds sterling for China, and four thousand for Japan and Siam; but the refund to the Indian revenue for services in China, Persia, Arabia and Siam has been diminished by £223,000.

COMBINE OF PROVISION COMPANIES.

Chicago, March 30.

Mr. J. Armour announces that the Armour Company has acquired the assets of Morris and Company. The North American Provision Company, a subsidiary of Armours at Delaware, will take over the Morris business. The combination represents a capital of five hundred million dollars.

ZAGHUL PASHA TO VISIT A SPA.

London, March 30.

The British Government has given instructions for the release of Zaghul Pasha from Gibraltar for reasons of health. It is understood that Zaghul proceeds to France for the purpose of taking a course of waters.

BURMA OIL CONCESSION.

Forged Official Documents.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, March 29.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Henry Craik, with regard to an alleged Proclamation signed by Queen Victoria and Lord Salisbury, as Secretary for India in 1884, and with regard to the concession to the Burma Oil Company mentioned on March 26th, Mr. Ronald McNeill pointed out that Lord Salisbury ceased to be Secretary for India six years earlier, and the language of the documents showed that they were obvious forgeries. The United States Government was so informed in 1921, but no official admission was made till last year. The correspondence in the meantime had been diverted to a side-issue, namely the precise effect of existing legislation in India. The use of forged documents in a recent official report to the Senate and in the decision regarding the application for an oil lease by the late Secretary of State for the Interior caused the Government to make further representations to the United States, eliciting the statement mentioned on March 26th. It was not clear from the Government's information whether the documents originated from the Bureau of Mines in 1919 or from the United States Consulate at Bombay.

RAILWAY LOANS FOR CHINA.

Attitude of the Consortium.

London, March 29.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Walter De Frece, Mr. Ronald McNeill said he was not aware that the Consortium had received any request from China for loans for railway construction. The Government, and doubtless the other Consortium Powers also, would gladly do anything it properly could to facilitate railway construction in China on being satisfied that a reasonable standard of efficiency would be maintained on both existing and future railways, and that they would be placed on a sound financial footing.

WHITE RUSSIANS IN SIBERIA.

Japan Denies Arming Them.

London, March 30.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has written to Baron Hanyashi saying he hopes for the sake of the good feeling between Japan and the British working classes that no such steps will be taken as are indicated in a Russian note to Japan protesting against the arming of a White army in East Siberia for the purpose of reopening hostilities. Baron Hanyashi, replying, says the remnants of the White army in North Saghalien. The Ambassador cited the recent statement of Minister Uchida as showing that the Russian protest is based on misunderstanding.

LORD CARNARVON ILL.

Discoverer of Tut-ankh-Amen's Tomb.

Cairo, March 29.

Lord Carnarvon, the discoverer of Tut-ankh-Amen's tomb, is in a critical condition from blood poisoning as the result of an insect bite.

FUNERAL OF SARAH BERNHARDT.

Paris, March 30.

The greatest crowds since the Armistice paid final homage to Sarah Bernhardt. A million reverent watchers lined the streets which wended the cortege of fifty carriages headed by five wreath-bearing coaches, followed by the remains of the tragedienne enclosed in the rosewood coffin which accompanied her on her travels for thirty years.

The service was read at the Church of St. Francois Des Sales, and was attended by Ministers, officials and leaders in the world of art and letters. The coffin was borne from the church by actors followed by orphans carrying white palms, thence conveyed to Pere La Chaise cemetery, and lowered into the tomb. It was soon obscured from view by a profusion of flowers.

RENT CONTROL IN FRANCE.

Paris, March 29.

The Chamber has adopted a new Housing Bill providing for control of rents of dwelling houses till January 1st, 1925, and empowering an increase of rents in the Paris and Seine Department by 75 per cent. compared with 1914. Increases elsewhere are referred to local committees.

LANSING-ISHII AGREEMENT CANCELLED.

Washington, March 30.

The Lansing-Ishii agreement, whereby the United States recognised Japan's special interests in China, has been cancelled by mutual agreement between Washington and Tokyo.

FRENCH NAVAL PROGRAMME.

Paris, March 29.

A Bill regarding naval defence, introduced in the Chamber, provides for the construction in the next decade of six light cruisers, 15 destroyers, 24 torpedo-boats and 34 submarines.

THE GLENBEG'S CARGO.

Copenhagen, March 29.

The steamer Glenbeg has arrived at Korsor and will proceed to Copenhagen, when 450 tons of cargo which will be discharged and reshipped.

THE NEAR EAST CONVERSATIONS.

London, March 29.

The Italian and Japanese representatives for the Near East conversations have left London for Paris.

GOOD FRIDAY.

Oratorio Selections at the Cathedral.

Few Hongkong people, it has been asserted, are really appreciative of good music and singing, but, judging by the large number at St. John's Cathedral to hear the oratorio selections last night, there are many here who do enjoy entertainments of this description. So full was the building that extra seats had to be placed in the aisles, and most of these were occupied.

Many of the vocalists are well known to Hongkong, and Mr. Denman Fuller, who presided at the organ, has often delighted local music-lovers with his excellent recitals. A pleasant evening was, therefore, anticipated, and the high standard of the selections quite came up to expectations.

The various items were exceedingly well rendered, the quality of the singing being of a nature to satisfy the most critical. It was a most worthy effort in every way.

Mr. Denman Fuller's interpretation of Wagner in the Good Friday Music from "Parsifal" was well up to the high standard which Hongkong has learned to expect from this talented musician. Handel's "He was despised" was charmingly rendered by Mrs. T. L. Perkins, and Mrs. D. J. Brown (aided by the chorus) delighted her listeners with "No shadows yonder" (Gaul). Mrs. V. Mathieson was responsible for Gounod's recitative "And Jesus then," another much appreciated item. In the concerted numbers—Mrs. Collett and Mrs. Goldsmith furnished Mendelssohn's "I waited for the Lord" with much charm. Mr. H. J. Best, Mr. H. Anniss, Mr. S. Collett and Mr. W. J. Hagger next gave an enjoyable interpretation of "God is a Spirit" (Sterndale-Bennett). A pleasing item was Ouseley's "In sight of the unwise," given by Mrs. Clements, Miss Willmott and Mrs. T. L. Perkins. Mrs. Clements and Mr. H. Anniss greatly appealed to their hearers with Stainer's "My hope is in the Everlasting." Gounod's "Beside the Cross" (quartet and chorus) was another excellently rendered item. This was given by Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mr. H. Anniss and Mr. G. H. Piercy, with the chorus.

The choruses, in which some fifty voices took part, consisted of selections from Sullivan, Barnby and Stainer. The ensemble effects were generally good, the balance being exceedingly well maintained. The choruses were—Mrs. Baleson, Mrs. D. J. Brown, Mrs. Clements, Mrs. Collett, Miss R. Mow Fung, Miss Green, Miss Grosvenor, Miss Hansen, Mrs. Lay, Mrs. Luck, Miss Marsh, Miss Russell, Mrs. Stark, Miss Willmott, Miss M. Cooper, Mrs. Goldsmith, Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Lockhart, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mrs. N. Mathieson, Mrs. T. L. Perkins, Mrs. D. W. Salter, Mrs. Stubbing, Miss Taylor, Mr. H. J. Best, Mr. H. Anniss, Mr. M. R. Bell, Mr. E. Caster, Mr. W. Gill, Mr. C. Griggs, Eng. Cmdr. Hocken, R.N., Mr. A. W. King, Mr. Y. C. Teh, Mr. T. A. Bersey, Mr. S. Collett, Mr. W. H. Edmonds, Mr. A. P. Glanville, Mr. W. J. Hagger, Mr. S. Paul, Mr. H. Penny, Mr. G. H. Piercy, Mr. E. C. Thomas, Mr. B. Trafford, Mr. W. Sampson, Mr. F. Smith, Rev. G. E. Updell, M. A., Mr. Y. H. Wong.

During the singing of the hymn, "Rock of Ages," with which the evening terminated, a collection was taken for the Cathedral Organ Fund.

It is announced that some of these oratorio selections will be repeated on Monday, April 16th, when the Hongkong University Anthem will also be sung. On this occasion the collection will be given to Dr. Barnardo's Homes. Another treat in store for music-lovers is Mr. Denman Fuller's organ recital, on April 30th.

THE AGED EMIGRANT.

Lambeth Guardians have presented an outfit to a man over 70 who is going to Australia.

SANITARY BOARD.

Forthcoming Election.

An election of a member to the Sanitary Board will be held on the 11th inst. at the City Hall from 4 to 6 p.m. Those entitled to vote are persons in the Jury Lists as well as persons exempted from serving as jurors. Nominations must be in the hands of the Registrar of the Supreme Court not less than four clear days before the election date.

Presumably the election is necessitated by the fact that Mr. C. G. Alabaster's term expired on March 29th.

MOTOR MISHAP.

Truck Coolie Injured.

A truck coolie was removed to the Government Civil Hospital on Thursday suffering from injuries received in a motor accident.

A motor lorry belonging to Messrs. Davis Boag and Company was being manoeuvred across the roadway on the Praya E. when, in moving backwards, it hit the coolie and pressed him against his truck, which at the time was loaded. The injuries he received were stated to be not very serious.

ADMIRAL LEVESON.

Received by Japanese Crown-Prince.

Tokyo, Mar. 29.

Admiral Sir A. C. Leveson and staff were received in audience by the Crown Prince.

Immediately after the ceremony, Admiral Leveson visited Viscount Togo and Premier Kato. Last night an official dinner was given at the British Embassy.

Admiral Sir A. C. Leveson is leaving for Nikko until after the holidays.—Courtesy: "Daily Bulletin."

HONGKONG IMPORTS.

A Quiet Market.

The fortnightly Price Current and Market Report, published by the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce, states:—

Cotton piece goods and fancy cotton goods.—In the last fortnight demand has slackened somewhat, and only moderate sales of dyed and fancy goods are reported. Some small sales of white shirtings are mentioned. Clearances are better.

Cotton Yarn.—Market continues dull with very little business passing. Prices are sagging in sympathy with the decline in the raw material. Quotations are nominal. Quotations are:—No. 10s. \$165/190; No. 12s. \$170/192; No. 16s. \$190/200; No. 20s. \$172/200. Arrivals 4,600 bales. Shipments nil. Sales 200 bales. Unsold stock 13,000 bales. Bargains 9,000 bales.

Woolens.—The market is very quiet owing to the unsettled feeling prevailing as to the future trend of things in Canton.

Raw Cottons.—Stocks are nil, and quotations are purely nominal.—Indian staple at \$36/41, Chinese grades at \$39/46.

Metals.—Business during the last fortnight has been quiet. Small sales of wire nails are reported at higher prices. Local prices are firmer.

Flour market report.—Stock estimated at 400,000 sacks. Quotations:—American Patent, \$3.99 per sack; American Straight, \$3.05 per sack; American Out off, \$3.19 per sack; Shanghai Flour, \$3.15 per sack; Australian No. 1, \$3.15 per sack.

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(G\$120 accommodation) from Mani-

la, Hongkong or Shanghai East-

ward G\$435, Westward G\$335.

HONGKONG CHAMBER
OF COMMERCE

The Annual Meeting.

The annual general meeting of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce was held in the old Chamber of Commerce room, City Hall, on Thursday, Mr. A. O. Lang presided and was supported by the following members of the Committee: Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. G. T. Edkins, Mr. A. S. D. Cousland, Mr. N. L. Watson, Mr. T. W. Weall, and Mr. D. K. Blair (Secretary).

The following firms were represented: Arculli Bros. (Mr. E. el Arculli), Asiatic Petroleum Co. Ltd. (Mr. N. L. Watson) and Mr. O. W. Darch, Arnold Bros. & Co. Ltd. (Mr. B. Monteith Webb), W. S. Bailey & Co. Ltd. (Mr. W. S. Bailey), Bradley & Co. Ltd. (Mr. S. Morrison), Butterfield & Swire (Mr. G. T. Edkins), Brunner Mond & Co. Ltd. (Mr. R. C. B. Hockley), Mr. Chau Yue Teng, China Japan Telephone and Electric Co. Ltd. (Mr. J. P. Sherry), China Light & Power Co. Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), China Mutual Life Insurance Co. Ltd. (Mr. B. H. Tape), China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co. Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), Chun On Fire Insurance Co. Ltd. (Mr. T. N. Chan), Commercial Union Assurance Co. Ltd. (Mr. G. H. Elliott), Dowell & Co. Ltd. (Mr. T. G. Weall), Douglas S. S. Co. Ltd. (Mr. G. W. Barton), Eastern Extension Australasia & China Tel. Co. Ltd. (Mr. M. E. F. Airey), Fire Insurance Association of Hongkong (Mr. W. D. L. Ralph), Fung Tang (Mr. Wong Tak-kwong), Gande Price & Co. Ltd. (Mr. C. Bond), General Electric Co. of China Ltd. (Mr. A. B. Raworth), Gibb Livingston & Co. Ltd. (Mr. A. O. Lang and Mr. L. J. Davies), Gilman & Co. Ltd. (Mr. G. Miskin), Goldard & Douglas (Mr. T. Arthur), Green Island Cement Co. Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), Gerin Dierard & Co. (Mr. C. S. Rossetti), T. E. Griffith, Ltd. (Mr. R. J. Hall), W. A. Hannibal & Co. (Mr. John Robertson), Handelsmaatschappij "Transmarina" (Mr. D. H. te Weel), Holland China Trading Co. Ltd. (Mr. A. W. van Andel), Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co. Ltd. (Mr. J. Arnold), Hongkong and China Gas Co. Ltd. (Mr. D. G. M. Bernard), Hong Electric Co. Ltd. (Mr. F. R. Marsh), Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co. Ltd. (Mr. W. Adamson), Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation (Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen), J. D. Hutchison & Co. (Mr. P. S. Cassidy), Indo-China Steam Navigation Co. Ltd. (Mr. R. Sutherland), Jardine Matheson & Co. Ltd. (Mr. G. P. Curry), Hong Johnson, Stokes & Master (Mr. D. J. Lewis), Kailan Mining Administration, W. R. Loxley & Co. (Mr. D. O. Russell), Mustard & Co. (Mr. J. H. Scott), Mackinnon, Mackenzie & Co. (Mon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr), Maxim & Co. (Mr. J. Riveiro), Nestle and Anglo Swiss Condensed Milk Co. (Mr. W. A. Stephens), Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming (Mr. H. Percy Smith), Reiss & Co. (Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak), Alex. Ross & Co. (Mr. A. S. D. Cousland), J. M. Da Rocha & Co. (Mr. R. M. Da Rocha), Royal Insurance Co. Ltd. (Mr. Russell), Rudolf, Wolff and Kew, Ltd. (Messrs. C. H. W. Kew and A. E. Kew), E. D. Sassoon & Co., Ltd. (Mr. E. B. Raymond), Shewan Tones & Co. (Mr. W. Adamson), Stewart Bros. (Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin), Suzuki & Co. (Mr. N. Yamaoka), Mr. M. P. Talati, Union Trading Co., Ltd. and Harry Wicking & Co. (Mr. A. M. Stark).

The Chairman, Mr. A. O. Lang, presiding, said: "The Report and Accounts have been in your hands for some days. I shall, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read. You will notice that the correspondence dealt with still continues to grow in volume, and although by reason of their confidential nature, many of the questions which have arisen do not appear in the Report, I can assure you that the year under review has been an exceptionally busy one for your Committee. As reference was made in my speech at a General Meeting held in this Room last July to the work of the Chamber during the earlier months of 1922, I should now allude, as briefly as possible, to such matters of importance as have come before your Committee since that time."

Fancy Piece Goods Contract.
It is satisfactory to report that the discussions with the Piece Goods Guild and the Chinese Chamber of Commerce regarding the Chamber's Standard Form of Fancy Piece Goods Contract resulted in a settlement being reached, and I trust business will continue, without interruption, on the terms of the new agreement.

The Rice Trade.
The year under review has been an unfortunate one for the Rice Exporters of the Colony, and it would appear that for the time being at any rate Saigon is doing the bulk of the Cereals trade with the United States and Cuba, mainly as the result of direct freight being available. Local merchants, however, are not without hope that it may be possible in the near future to recover a large proportion of the business; and, indeed, during the past month fairly satisfactory shipments have gone forward from Hongkong to South America, which is evidence that no stone is being left unturned by those interested to regain their position in these markets.

Swatow Typhoon Disaster Relief Fund.
As you are aware, the appeal launched by this Committee in respect of the typhoon which wrought such terrible havoc in Swatow and district in August last resulted in a remittance of something in excess of \$3,000, being forwarded to the British Chamber at that port, and I take this opportunity of thanking subscribers for their very generous support.

In order to administer this Fund a Relief Committee was formed at Swatow, and quite recently an interesting report of the work performed amongst the sufferers reached us and was reproduced in the local press.

Typhoon Warnings.

Arising out of an investigation into the loss of the Choyang, Mr. Robert Sutherland made a valuable report to the Chamber on the subject of Typhoon Warnings. The Committee, after full consideration of this report, requested the Government to institute a full enquiry into the present system of compiling weather reports. Opportunity was taken at the same time to press once more for the establishment of a wireless and observing station on the Pratas Shoal, which, by reason of its position, would give Hongkong early information of the approach of a typhoon. The Pratas Shoal, as you are aware, belongs to China, and it is hoped that arrangements can be made whereby the Chinese Maritime Customs will provide an observing station there, as part of their lighthouse system. The investigations into the question of typhoon warnings, which are

still proceeding, had inevitably led to the conclusion—I quote from our Report—"that such modern inventions as wireless have not been made available to meteorological stations to anything like the extent that they should be." Your Committee has urged upon the Hongkong Government the desirability of going into the question most thoroughly and has suggested that information be collated from all Observatories situated within the typhoon area, and co-operation with the powers concerned, so that all the resources of modern science and every means humanly possible be adopted to improve the system of locating the track of Typhoons.

The object aimed at is the extended use of wireless for transmitting as well as receiving messages, so that those engaged in the difficult task of forecasting the course of storms may be put in possession of all available data at the earliest possible moment. At present, as Father Froe has stated in a report on the Swatow Typhoon, it is invariably a month before observations taken at some of the outstations reach Zikawei, and I have no doubt that Hongkong Observatory is similarly handicapped. It is, of course, essential that these observations, to be of any practical use, should be available at the earliest possible moment.

Whilst on this subject I should like to urge on shipping companies the importance of giving instructions to masters of vessels fitted with wireless that weather reports be sent regularly to Hongkong and other Observatories. It is a regrettable fact that, at present, comparatively few observations are received from ships. Very often the track of a typhoon may be lost for an important period because there are no Observatories in the area through which it is passing. In such cases ships in the vicinity would render invaluable service by sending in observations, which may prove of incalculable value at a particular time. One hopes that every ship fitted with wireless will constitute itself a travelling observing station, following the guidance of Observatory officials, for the purpose of locating typhoons.

Wireless.
I believe it will not be long before the installation of wireless on steamers trading locally will be made compulsory in some degree by Hongkong Ordinance. When that time comes, it should not be necessary, in the opinion of the shipping community, to employ European operators on every small steamer, in view of the infrequent need for their services. Long periods of inaction are harmful to the individual, and the maintenance of men in comparative idleness is an unnecessary burden upon shipping. Nor should it be necessary to employ more than one Chinese operator on all such vessels.

The introduction of legislation in this connection has, I understand, had the attention of the Government for some time past, and I believe the Board of Trade at Home are pressing for wireless to be installed on vessels trading locally which are registered in the United Kingdom; it seems very desirable, therefore, that the Hongkong Government should press forward the legislation they have under consideration, which it seems only reasonable should be uniform for vessels engaged in the same trade in Far Eastern waters. As it is apparently a foregone conclusion that wireless will be compulsorily installed on a large number of our local steamers, I strongly advocate that the Hongkong Government should at once institute a training establishment

for Chinese operators in Wireless Telegraphy.

Sui An Piracy.

Before leaving shipping matters, I must refer to the piracy in neighbouring waters, last November, of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company's steamer Sui An. It is a matter of deep regret that the authority of law and order in China has not proved strong enough to bring to justice the miscreants who carried out this villainous and murderous enterprise. The place where the pirates went ashore is well known and it is credibly reported that loot was freely offered for sale, for many days afterwards, in the villages in that vicinity, yet no arrests have been made. The Chamber has urged that strong deterrents of a retaliatory character would be far more effective than endeavours to make vessels "pirate proof," but I am afraid there is little hope of deterrents being applied if it is left to the Chinese to enforce them. In view of the frequent acts of piracy perpetrated in these waters—another one was reported a few days ago—we have also urged the extension of naval patrols as a necessary measure for the protection of shipping. I should like to add, with regard to the Piracy Commission, which recently held an enquiry in Hongkong into the Sui An affair, that if the Government contemplates introducing new regulations for the prevention of piracy, as the result of the recommendations of the Commission, it is desirable such regulations should be brought into force as soon as possible, otherwise expense may have to be incurred twice over; first, in carrying out any modification of the present Regulations which may be required by the Government Surveyors, and secondly, in complying with entirely new Regulations.

Alleged Fraudulent Transfers of Chinese Businesses.

I am glad to be able to state that progress has been made in the important matter I mentioned last July—the proposal that the Government should be persuaded to legislate against a fraudulent business practice which has of late grown to alarming proportions. Certain Chinese traders have resorted to the plan of assigning their business assets, but not their liabilities, to another person, or to themselves trading under another name. In the Chamber's representations to the Government, you will remember, we have had the co-operation of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, whose members have suffered from this form of fraud as much as, or even more than, our own.

The present position is that a draft Bill has been drawn up by the Attorney-General, approved by the Legal Sub-Committee of this Chamber, and it is hoped that it will soon take its place among the Ordinances of the Colony. The lines upon which the draft Ordinance is drawn up are that on an assignment of a business other than a profession three months' notice of the transfer is to be advertised in the Government Gazette and until such three months have expired the transferee is equally liable with the transferor for the debts of the business prior to transfer. It is also provided that the Supreme Court can set aside any such transfer if the authorities are of opinion that the transfer was made with intent to hinder, defeat or delay the creditors of the transferor, and the burden of establishing that the transfer is bona fide is thrown upon the transferee.

Peak Hospital.

One problem that was before us at our last meeting is removed by the generous action of Mr. J. E. Joseph in purchasing the site and premises of the Peak Hospital, replacing them at the disposal of the community for three years, at a

nominal rent (Applause). I should like to take this opportunity of echoing the thanks already expressed to Mr. Joseph in the Legislative Council Chamber. I am glad to say that sufficient funds are now available to permit of the proposed War Memorial Nursing Home being proceeded with, and we shall doubtless soon hear from the Committee which has charge of the scheme what progress has been made.

Taxation.

The Government continues to re-examine its hand, returns from the sale of land, as well as from the constantly increasing revenues of the Colony. It has been possible to carry out big schemes of road making and development generally and still to leave a surplus. This leads me to suggest that the longed-for trade revival, which is slow in coming, might be accelerated by reduction in taxation. We have noted with satisfaction, lately, the reduction of the stamp duty on cheques from ten cents to five cents but—like Oliver Twist—we ask for more. It seems clear that the upward revision of the stamp duties and the liquor and tobacco duties, made in 1921, need not have been so stringent. The duties on Bank Remittances, and on Bills of Lading, I would specially indicate as being in the nature of a tax on industry.

Telephone Service.

Since our last meeting a valuable public service has been rendered to the Colony by Messrs. A. R. Lowe and F. R. Marsh, your Chamber's representatives on the Special Joint Committee appointed by the Government (Applause). This Committee has protracted investigations—such as circumstances permitted—of the conditions of the Telephone Company's licence and the Company's proposed terms of renewal. It is naturally a source of satisfaction to the Chamber that the Government adopted the report of Mr. Lowe's Committee in toto in submitting its terms to the Telephone Company last October (Applause).

Hongkong University.

The progress and development of Hongkong University is of special interest to this Chamber. As you are aware, a sum of \$20,000 is annually subscribed by certain of our members and disbursed in two grants—one of \$3,000 for primary and secondary education at Canton, under the auspices of the Church Missionary Society, and the other of \$12,000 contributed towards the maintenance at Hongkong University of a Commercial Course. The Chamber also contributes from its general funds the sum of over \$2,000 for Scholarships at St. Stephen's College for Yunnanese boys and for two Scholarships at the University in commemoration of the late Mr. E. A. Hewitt, C.M.C. All this expenditure for educational purposes benefits the University either directly or indirectly. As supporters of the University, therefore, so far as the funds at our disposal will allow, it is a source of gratification that the work of the institution has won the support of the Rockefeller Foundation, whose handsome donation of \$500,000 for the endowment of Chairs in Medicine and Surgery was announced during the conferment of an honorary degree upon His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales. (Applause). The Colony owes a debt of gratitude to the Rockefeller Institute for this magnificent endowment of education. (Applause).

The policy adopted a few years ago, which provided that one member of the Finance Committee of the University should be a representative of the Chamber, has been productive of good. The present representative is Mr. G. T. Edkins.

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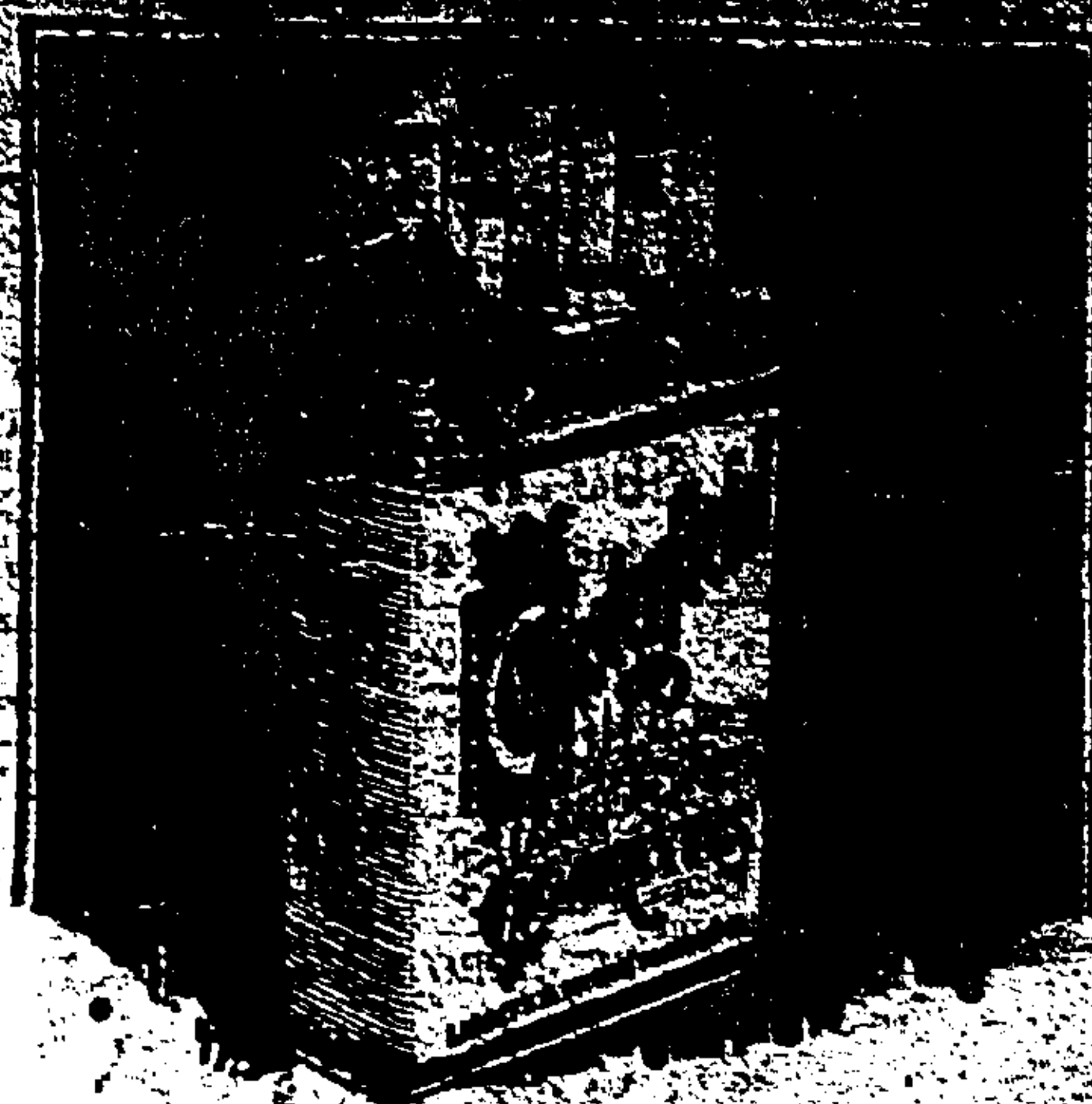
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who is associated with a firm whose handsome contributions to the University are specially connected with the Faculty of Engineering. Working in the fullest co-operation with the Vice-Chancellor and the Council of the University, the Finance Committee has had a great deal to do with establishing the finances of the University on so sound a basis as is shown in the accounts lately published. An Appeal for further funds for the University, in which the University's probable needs over a series of years were sketched out, was drawn up and issued nearly a year ago, and the fact that the Appeal bore the signature of all the members of the Finance Committee and was unanimously approved by the University Court is sufficient evidence to show that the programme proposed was a reasonable one. That the Appeal has not been vigorously pressed may be due in part to the fact that portions of the programme are not immediately urgent and in part to a recognition of the depression in trade which is being severely felt in the Far East, as at Home. I am, however, informed that the further postponement of assistance is likely in certain directions seriously to impede the efficiency of the University, and I feel sure that when this is understood the necessary assistance will be forthcoming.

Boxer Indemnity.

In this connection, I may properly refer to the Boxer Indemnity as a possible source of help. Members of this Chamber will have read the very important series of resolutions as to the employment of that indemnity recently passed by the Conference of Associated British Chambers of Commerce at Shanghai, and it is earnestly to be hoped that those resolutions will carry with His Majesty's Government the very great weight to which they are entitled. The importance of our University in any scheme for the education of Chinese on British lines is fully recognised in these resolutions, but some time must necessarily elapse before anything

definite is decided on this matter of Boxer Indemnity, and in the meantime I would submit that nothing would do more to convince His Majesty's Government of our appreciation of the University's possibilities than a substantial response to the recent appeal for funds. (Applause).

Chinese Language School.

Before leaving educational affairs I might state that, as the result of a circular of local business firms, issued recently, there has been a considerable accession of students to the Chamber's Chinese Language School, where the Rev. Dr. Pearce has carried on, for some years now, a most useful work. (Applause). The Chamber, and commercial interests in Hongkong, owe Dr. Pearce a great debt of gratitude for having placed his special knowledge of Cantonese and his experience in education at our disposal. (Applause).

Belcher Street Fire.

I should only weary you if I attempted to refer, even briefly, to all the matters with which your Committee has had to deal in the course of the year. You will note that after the great fire at Belcher Street, Kennedy Town, on the day before Armistice Day, the Government was addressed, at the instance of the Fire Insurance Association, on the need for a branch fire station and a better water pressure in that district, which contains a large population and a great many godowns full of valuable merchandise. The Colonial Secretary has replied that the matter is receiving the consideration of Government.

Mail Service.

Questions connected with the mail service to the Far East have again occupied our attention. The Chamber initiated a discussion of this question at the Conference of Associated British Chambers at Shanghai last month. One of the suggestions put forward was that an air service over part of the route would overcome the difficulty of cargoes frequently arriving before the documents relating to them. It was satisfactory to note in the cable news received from Home a week or so ago, that a scheme is under consideration for the carriage of mails by air from

London as far as Brindisi. The importance to commerce of rapid postal communications cannot be over-emphasised.

While on the subject of mails, I would like to refer briefly to the service between Shanghai and this port. It should not be a difficult matter to preserve regularity of mails between places so near to each other, especially when so many first class vessels are available at frequent intervals. Since shortly after the British Post Office in Shanghai was closed and the service transferred to the Chinese, there has been a constant irregularity in the arrival of mails, duplicates coming at the same time or in advance of originals, and at times long and unexplained intervals between one mail and the next. It is a serious reflection on the capacity of the Chinese Post Office officials that they appear to be unable to cope with a simple service like this, and it looks as if the surrender of the Foreign Post Office to them had been premature. (Applause). I trust that this matter will engage the serious attention of those responsible at the Northern port, and that an improvement will soon manifest itself. (Applause).

Trade Revival.

Signs are discernible of a coming trade revival, but unsettled government continues to hamper both home and foreign trade in China, and our business with the neighbouring provinces has been particularly handicapped in this respect.

Telegrams.

One notice with concern that Tsingtao, since it was handed back to China, instead of continuing its steady development as an important trade and shipping centre, has had a set-back, arising from mismanagement on the part of the Chinese authorities, who are now responsible for its government. A position calling for very serious consideration will arise if Tsingtao, which in little more than twenty years has become an important port, attracting a considerable number of foreign and Chinese capital, is allowed to go to rack and ruin through sheer incompetency on the part of the Chinese authorities.

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Sycee. I had occasion to refer, in this room on another occasion recently, to the subject of China's currency. As I said then, with the various mints run for profit by whoever happens to have secured control of them, the only safeguard left is the sycee of Shanghai; and I trust that all those concerned with Chinese well-being will do everything possible to preserve this sheet anchor of security against the menace to safe trading due to the many fluctuating new currencies to which there seems no limit.

I cannot conclude without expressing acknowledgments to my colleagues on the various Committees of the Chamber for their cordial co-operation during my year of office, and to Mr. Blair and his staff for the competent manner in which the duties of an extremely onerous year have been discharged. (Applause). I now propose the adoption of the Report and Accounts for the year 1922.

Business Transfers.

Mr. W. Adamson, in seconding the resolution, said: Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the Report and Accounts. In doing so, I would like to take the opportunity of adding a few remarks on one or two subjects in this voluminous Annual Report, although you, Sir, have covered most of the ground very completely. It is very satisfactory to learn that an attempt is to be made to deal by legislation with an evil from which merchants, both Chinese and Foreign, have suffered greatly. It is a travesty of justice that a Chinese trader, who may for years have enjoyed the protection of the laws of this Colony, can be the mere insertion of a clause in the Decree assign the whole of his business assets, without satisfying the debts and liabilities of his business, to the Chinese authorities.

alike—will welcome any measure to make such transfers illegal. An Ordinance such as the Chairman has outlined appears to me likely to operate simply and effectually. Personally I cannot see how any honest trader will be prejudiced by the proposed legislation. It is to be hoped, Sir, that the Chamber will press for the early introduction of the measure. (Applause).

Military Lands.

I was disappointed that there was no reference made from the chair to what has become a question of ever increasing urgency. I refer to the removal of the Military Establishments from the centre of Victoria. (Applause). Although at the Bank meeting held recently, the Chairman spoke in no uncertain manner on this matter, I think that at our meeting of business men held in Hongkong, the opportunity should be taken of protesting against the continuance of the present state of affairs.

The large relocation now in progress in the eastern side of the town, and the removal of Morrison Hill, will make that district of ever increasing importance. An evidence of this is to be seen in the prices now being paid for land at Quarry Bay. But between the western and the central sections of the town, the military lands thrust in a wedge which will prove an increasing inconvenience in communication and the proper development of the City. It is not easy to understand an official attitude which has permitted the town, in its present cramped and unhealthy surroundings, to be so near to many of our public buildings and the Government offices.

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By Order of the Board,
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Hongkong, 28th. March, 1923.

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BANKERS.

THE HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

AUDITORS.

LINSTEAD & DAVIS, Alexandra Building, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

SOLICITORS.

Messrs. DEACON, HARTON & SHENTON, 1, Des Vaux Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong.

REGISTERED OFFICE OF THE COMPANY.

POWELL'S BUILDING (2nd floor), Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong.

SECRETARY OF THE COMPANY (pro tem).

T. A. BARRY, Powell's Building (2nd floor), Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong.

PROSPECTUS.

(a) This Company has been formed principally to acquire by purchase (under the terms of the Option and subsequent correspondence thereon hereinafter mentioned) from Lane Crawford Limited (whose Registered Office is situate at Ice House Street, Victoria, Hongkong) and develop by building thereon the land registered in the Land Office as Section A of Marine Lot No. 7 and commonly known as "The Wiseman Site" situate in Des Vaux Road Central Hongkong. The purchase price of the land is \$1,000,000, \$300,000 of which will be satisfied by the issue to Lane Crawford Limited of 30,000 shares of the Company credited as fully paid up. Of the remainder of the purchase price, \$148,781.50 will be paid in cash, and the balance of \$551,218.50 will be satisfied by the taking over by the Company from Lane Crawford Limited of the Mortgage (repayable on the 30th April, 1927) for that amount now subsisting on the property in favour of Lane Crawford Limited and carrying interest at 8% per annum.

In addition to the purchase price payable as above, the Company will, under the Option hereinafter mentioned, pay the brokerage of one per cent. on the purchase price amounting to \$10,000 which is referred to in paragraph (b) hereof, and also indemnify Lane Crawford Limited to the extent of \$26,394.30 in respect of the Plans and Specifications referred to in paragraph (c) hereof.

The Option for the acquisition of such land bears date the 5th day of March 1923 and is made between Lane Crawford Limited as Vendors of the one part and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton, one of the partners in the firm of Deacon, Harton and Shenton the above mentioned Solicitors to the Company, as Trustee for the Company of the other part. A copy of this Option and the subsequent correspondence thereon can be inspected at the offices of the said Solicitors to the Company (No. 1 Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong) at any time during business hours. A copy of the Mortgage above referred to which bears date the 5th day of May 1922, and is for a term of Five years from that date can also be inspected at the same place and time.

There are no other Contracts relating to the land to be acquired by the Company.

On the land to be acquired as above by the Company it is proposed to erect a modern seven-storied building with a Basement, so as to afford accommodation for Stores, Shops, a Safe Deposit Vault and First class Office Rooms, particularly suitable to professional people. The Site is considered to be specially favourable for such a building, being in the centre of the business part of the City and close to the Hotels, Banks and Shipping Offices, etc.

(b) In respect of the above mentioned Option a brokerage of 1% on the purchase price of \$1,000,000 amounting to \$10,000 is payable by the Company to the Solicitors to the Company in respect of the sale of the land the subject of such Option.

(c) Under the last mentioned Option the Company are to be under the obligation of indemnifying Lane Crawford Limited to an extent not exceeding \$26,394.30 in respect of the cost of certain Plans and Specifications prepared in 1922 in connection with the building which Lane Crawford Limited at the time proposed to erect on the said land.

(d) No other commission or promotion money will be paid by the Company.

(e) The Company is to pay all preliminary expenses of and incident to the formation and floating of the Company down to the time when it becomes entitled to commence business, and also all costs and expenses in connection

FOOTBALL—FOOTBALL

EASTER MONDAY

Army Ground

Sookunpoo.

ARMY

SOUTH CHINA.

Kick off 4 p.m.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

Consignees per Company's

Steamer

"BELLEROPHON"

are hereby notified that the

Cargo will be discharged into

Holt's Wharf, Kowloon, where it

will lie at Consignees' risk and

subject to terms and conditions

of storage at Holt's wharf. The

Cargo will be ready for delivery

from Godown on and after 31st

March.

Optional cargo will be landed,

unless notice has been given prior

to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged

goods are to be left in the

Godowns, where they will be

examined on any Tuesdays and

Fridays between the hours of

10.45 a.m. and noon within the

free storage period.

No claims will be admitted

after the Goods have left the

steamer's Godown, and all Goods

remaining undelivered after the

6th April will be subject to

rent.

All Claims against the Steamer

must be presented to the under-

signed on or before the 20th

April, or they will not be

recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be

effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,

Agents.



CAMP LIFE.

There is nothing dearer to the heart of the average boy than the adventure of Camp Life. The bracing air, the sunlight, blue skies, in touch with nature, or battling against the elements in the spirit of combat to keep his tent standing to give him shelter is the salt of life to the true camper. Camp Life, with all its attractions is the enviable lot of every Boy Scout.

Come and see how we learn Camp Craft at the

SCOUTS JAMBOREE

CITY HALL

Friday & Saturday, 13th & 14th April, 1923.

with the acquisition of the land and the Assignment thereof to the Company, the estimated amount whereof is \$20,000.

(f) The minimum subscription on which the Directors may proceed to allotment is seven shares.

(g) The Articles of Association provide that the qualification of a Director is to be the holding of 1,000 shares in the Company and that the remuneration of each of the Directors is to be \$1,000 per annum.

(h) Directors are interested in the promotion of the Company as follows:

(1) As to Mr. Harston in respect of the brokerage mentioned in clause (b).

(2) As to Messrs. Taggart, Lowe, Crawford and Harston to the extent that they are Directors of Lane Crawford Limited who are the Vendors of the land to be acquired by the Company.

(3) As to Messrs. Taggart, Lowe and Harston to the extent that they are Directors in the Hongkong Hotel Company Limited who are Shareholders in Lane Crawford Limited.

(4) As to the Rev. Father Robert to the extent that he is a Director of the Dairy Farm, Ice and Cold Storage Company Limited who are Shareholders in Lane Crawford Limited, the Vendors aforesaid.

(5) As to all the Directors other than The Hon. Mr. Chow Shou Son, Fung Tat Hang and Peter Kingson Kwok that they or some of them are Directors of other Companies with whom the Company may do business.

(i) Copies of the Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company can be inspected at the aforementioned offices of the Solicitors to the Company at any time during business hours.

(j) A copy of the Company's Memorandum of Association is annexed to the Prospectus and forms part of it.

(k) Application for shares should be made upon the Form attached to the Prospectus, which should be detached therefrom and sent to the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) together with a remittance of \$2.50 per share, the amount of the deposit.

Where no allotment is made, the deposit will be returned in full, and where the number of shares allotted is less than the number applied for, a proportionate amount of the deposit will be returned.

(l) Prospectuses can be inspected at and Forms of Application obtained from the Company's Bankers (The Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation) and at and from the temporary offices of the Company in Powell's Building, (second floor), Des Vaux Road Central, Hongkong. Dated the 23rd day of March 1923.

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

Sixteenth Athletic Meeting.

PATRONS:—H. E. Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs, His Lordship Bishop D. Porzani.

THE Committee has much

pleasure in inviting the

Ladies and Gentlemen of the

Colony to their Sports at the Race

Course (by kind permission of

the Hongkong Jockey Club), on

Easter Monday, 2nd April,

commencing at 1.00 p.m.

There will be the following

open events:—

320 Yards Championship open

to all Bona Fide Amateurs in

the Colony under the Rules of A.

A. A. (\$1.00 Post Entries).

Half a Mile Open to European

Soldiers, Sailors and Police. (Post

Entries) Free.

One Mile Relay Race, in teams

of 4. Open to the Colony. (Post

Entries \$2.00 each team).

By courtesy of the Manage-

ment there will be special tram

cara.

M. F. BAPTISTA.

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 29th. March, 1923.

NOTICE.

IT is hereby notified that on and after Wednesday, the 4th April, the supply of water to all districts in Kowloon will be turned on in the Public Mains during the following hours only:—

6 a.m. to 11 a.m.

and

4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

The co-operation of the Public in reducing the consumption to a minimum is requested.

T. L. PERKINS.

Water Authority.

Public Works Department

Hongkong, 29th. March, 1923.

FORTHCOMING AUCTION SALES.

HUGHES & HOUGH
GENERAL AUCTIONEERS
AND
BROKERS.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction (for account of the Concerned),

on WEDNESDAY, the 4th April, 1923, at 10.30 a.m., at No. 5, Humphreys Buildings, 2nd floor, Kowloon,

Valuable Household Furniture,

Therein contained:

Hatstand, Dining Chairs, Side-

board, Dinner Wagon, Bookcase,

Chestfield Sofa and Arm-chairs,

Dressing Table, Wardrobes, Teak

Single Bedsteads, Dinner Service,

Tea Sets, Crockery, &c., &c.

On view, day before sale.

Hongkong, 28th March, 1923.

on WEDNESDAY,

the 4th April, 1923, commencing

at 2.30 p.m., at their Sales Rooms,

No. 8, Des Vaux Road, Corner of

Ice House Street,

Valuable Teakwood and Blackwood

Furniture and Household

Sundries, &c., &c., &c.

Comprising:

Dining Suites, Chesterfield Sofas,

Arm-chairs (new), Tea Tables,

Teakwood Twin Bedsteads, large

and small Wardrobes, Dressing

Tables and Chairs, Washstands,

etc., Sideboards, Dinner Wagons,

Dinner Services, Crockery and

Glass Ware, Cooking Stoves, Cut-

lery, Carpets and Rugs, Staircase

Carpets, Electro-plated Ware, Elec-

tric Reading Lamps, Screens, Black-

wood Teapots, Marble-top Flower

Stands, and Side Tables.

Also

One Enamel Bath and One Piano,

by John Brinsmead and Son,

London,

Two Tennis Nets with Poles.

(Full Particulars from Catalogue).

Hongkong, 28th March, 1923.

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SUITS, FOR MEN IN
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From \$10.50

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THREE WEIGHTS, VESTS
OR DRAWERS
From \$3.50 a garment

PURE WOOL CASH HALF
HOSE IN VARIOUS LIGHT
SHADES.
\$2.00 Pair

FOULARD BOW TIES IN
THE LATEST SHADES
AND COLOURINGS
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SELF COLOURED TUNIC
SHIRTS IN SHADES OF
PALE BLUE, MAUVE
PINK etc.
\$6.50 Each

SUMMER PYJAMAS IN
VERY SMART BLOCK
STRIPES
\$10.50 Suit.

JAEGER PURE WOOL
LIGHT WEIGHT
SWEATERS, SUITABLE
FOR ALL SPORTS
\$20.00

SUN HATS IN THE LATEST
SHAPE, RAIN PROOF, YET
VERY LIGHT.
\$10.50 Each.

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A large variety of Painted Silk, Satin and
Cardboard Eggs in Stock.

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Getting Stronger Day by Day.

Every wineglassful of Wingarnis brings increased strength and vitality to those who are Weak, Anemic, Nervous or Run-down.

An outstanding feature of Wingarnis is its extraordinary power in rebuilding exhausted vitality, and in promoting new strength new vigour—new, rich, red blood—and new nerve force.

And the reason Wingarnis does this, is because it is a Tonic, and a Restorative, and a Blood-maker, and a Nerve Food—all combined in one rich, delicious, healthgiving preparation.

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And what Wingarnis has done for others it will surely do for you.

WINGARNIS

BIRTHS.

MEYER.—To Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Meyer, Sharnon, Canton, on March 29th, a daughter—Phyllis Christine.

The Telegraph.

HONGKONG, 31st March, 1923.

OUR VOLUNTEERS.

The Volunteer Defence Corps is not attracting the number of young men that it should; some of those who are members do not attend the instructional parades as regularly as they might; and public opinion does not sufficiently realise the value or usefulness of the Corps. These are the views of Major-General Sir John Fowler, expressed at the annual inspection on Wednesday evening. The obligations, in the way of drills, now resting on Volunteers are not nearly as heavy as they formerly were, and the work has certainly been rendered more interesting. Yet, despite these facts, the strength of the Corps is declining.

Why is it that more young men are not in the Volunteer uniform? We are of opinion that, rightly or wrongly, many who are eligible for service think they have had enough of soldiering. The war gave them more than they wanted of Army life and discipline; and they wish to have nothing more to do with military activity of any kind. We do not suggest for a moment that service with the Volunteers in any way approaches the rigors of regular military service; it does not. But let us honestly face the facts. It is of no use overlooking the point that many a young man to-day hesitates to renew acquaintance with conditions in any way resembling those of the days when he was subject to annoying disciplinary actions by men dressed in brief authority. That attitude may be wrong and illogical, but we regard it as one, and probably the main, factor in the situation. Another is indifference. Are any systematic efforts made to recruit men for the Corps? If not, it can scarcely be wondered at that the "maskee" spirit should prevail. With the best intentions in the world, men have a habit of putting off what they feel they ought to do. Well-planned canvassing might bring many such men into the Corps.

Then, too, there are men who cannot rid themselves of the idea

that the Corps is not a necessity in a military station such as Hongkong, where we have regular forces upon whom to rely in case of emergency. General Fowler, however, tells us that the Corps is essentially required and that it is an insurance against possible serious disturbance. He cannot, of course, mean that without its Volunteers Hongkong would be insufficiently protected. We take it he implies that the Corps can fill a vital place in the general defence scheme of the Colony and that in times of emergency it would prove a most valuable auxiliary to the regular forces. That fact alone should be a sufficient inducement for loyal young men to come forward. We therefore trust that the General's appeal will meet with a good response. Apart from the purely military aspect, the training which the Volunteers get is undoubtedly beneficial, as also is the social and recreational intercourse which membership of the Corps supplies. Incidentally, quite a big sum is spent yearly on our Volunteers, and it is up to the young men of the Colony to see that this expenditure is justified.

China and Japan.

The fresh trouble over the Twenty-one Demands indicates that China is in no way inclined to overlook a matter that has rankled with her for quite a long time, despite her seeming acquiescence in the past. Twice within recent years the relations between China and Japan have been strained very near breaking point, but serious trouble has been averted. The part that other Powers have played in patching up these differences is well known to those who were in touch with events more or less behind the scenes. Britain, particularly when her alliance with Japan was fully operative, was anxious that there should not be any trouble in the Far East, and was one of the countries chiefly interested in preserving outwardly friendly relations between China and Japan. We now have further disagreements in prospect, with plenty of ground on which to base grievances. China desires her neighbour to give up Port Arthur, and to cancel the Twenty-one Demands. As regards the former, we cannot help wondering whether the Chinese authorities desire their sorry administration of Tsingtao to be overlooked. But perhaps their idea is to run things their own way, with the contention that it is nobody's business but their own; and it is not the object of this short note to examine the pros and cons of the case. One threat that the Chinese appear to be prepared to carry out is a boycott of Japanese goods. This would be a serious matter, as one of Japan's biggest markets lies in China. Also, there is the possibility of serious friction developing over a boycott and leading eventually to actual rioting or other conflict. The last time China boycotted Japanese products on a large scale, and in organised fashion, was in 1919, when considerable harm was done to the trade of both countries, the Chinese suffering themselves owing to agitators intimidating them into senseless destruction of goods they had obtained from Japan and already paid for. Much bad blood was created, and there was serious rioting in more than one place. We trust that a repetition of such events will be averted.

Our Seasons.

Hongkong has two definite seasons, a fairly cold spell and a very hot one, and on these the unwritten law of convention appears to have erected a code that defines periods for different activities of our daily life, whether in the normal course of our business or in the pursuit of pleasure. Thus we find almost definite seasons for everything. The cool weather sees, for instance, the dancing season in full swing. Then each outdoor sport has its time of greatest activity set apart for it. Seemingly, it is considered not "the thing" to break with some of these traditions. A man of any consequence who was to go out in a white suit in January, for example, even were there a mild spell, would probably be considered either cranky or striving after notoriety. We have been told that the bathing season, that is, the recognised time of the year when one can dispose of oneself in the

DAY BY DAY.

IF YOU HAVE NOT THE FORCE OF CHARACTER TO MAKE AN ENEMY, YOU WILL NEVER MAKE A FRIEND.

Kowloon is to be put on a restricted water supply on and after Wednesday.

On Monday at 4 p.m. the Army is to play South China in a football match on the Soekunpoo ground.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed Mr. J. H. B. Nibhill to be an Assistant to the Secretary for Chinese Affairs and as a Deputy Registrar of Marriages.

The Freight Agent of the Pacific Mail S.S. Co., Mr. L. D. Higgins, accompanied by his wife and child, left by the a.s. President Cleveland.

Tenders are being invited for the forming and grading of the To Kwa Wan Road, together with the clearing and levelling of certain areas in the vicinity of To Kwa Wan village.

By a Proclamation, H.E. the Governor has extended the Maintenance Orders (Facilities for Enforcement) Ordinance 1921 to maintenance orders made by courts in Ceylon and the Straits Settlements.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed, provisionally and subject to His Majesty's pleasure, Mr. Robert Hormus Kotewall to be an Unofficial Member of the Legislative Council during the absence on leave of the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou son.

At the Rheinisch Mission Church last night, the annual meeting of the University Students' Services Association was held. The Rev. Dr. Pearce was elected Chairman; Mr. Phoon Seck-wai, Hon. Secretary; and Dr. Thomas, Hon. Treasurer; for the year. A committee was also elected comprising representatives from the various University Halls.

The Bishop of Victoria expects to be absent from the Colony from March 30th to about April 18th. After taking Easter Services at Swatow, he proceeds to Shanghai for meetings of the House of Bishops of the Chinese Church (Chung Hwa Sheng Kung Hui) of the Church Missionary Society Advisory Council for China and for other Committee work.

In preferring a charge of begging against a blind man at the Police Court this morning, Sergeant Elson told the Magistrate that the defendant was one of those maintained out of Sir Paul Chater's free list. He received \$7 a month and was, moreover, given a free licence to hawk by the police. In imposing a fine of \$5 or seven days' his Worship warned defendant that he must not beg in the European part of the town.

A welcome announcement is made to the effect that Sunday afternoon orchestral concerts are to be given at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, commencing to-morrow at 5 p.m. For this purpose the combined Coronet, Star and Kowloon Theatre orchestras have been busy practising of late, and as they number nearly twenty members some excellent music should be provided. The programme for to-morrow will include classical and popular numbers, and the price of admission is only fifty cents.

HOCKEY.

Shanghai Defeat Hongkong Garrison.

In the hockey match, Shanghai defeated Garrison by 4 to 2.—*Courtesy: "Daily Bulletin."*

briny (or oily briny, as it sometimes is here) has not commenced yet. One man states that it does not start until May. Well, we know that quite a fortnight ago the more venturesome of Hongkong's populace commenced to indulge in sea dips, and have benefited considerably thereby. In fact, we confess to having broken the tradition ourselves. There is, at this time of the year, just sufficient chill in the sea to make it really refreshing. Our advice to those who might still be hesitating is "come on in, the water's fine."

Bulls and Inners

From the Office Butts.

We desire to deny the rumour that it is the intention of the Government to make an order fixing Wednesday of each week as a holiday for overtaxed Civil Servants. This will have the effect of relieving the mid-week congestion at Fanling.

And whilst we're at it, let us dispel the rumour that a local Investigation Committee has been formed for the purpose of looking into the affairs of the Canton Government.

We note from an advertisement in a local contemporary that the Education Department has a Male Voice Choir. Any day now we may expect a chorus for more salary.

One of our local contemporaries, with characteristic enterprise, stated that "the Empress of Canada left Shanghai to-morrow." This gives Planchette a close run.

Tough luck. Every day, in every way, Shanghai is getting nearer and nearer.

The man who invented banana fritters is still at large.

If we were all educated, who would provide the funny turns at our public meetings?

If houses were sold by the ton, some of our landlords would have educationists.

So live that you can wonder if the shroff ever suffers from sore feet.

It used to be the "Marie Celeste," then the "Cutty Sark," followed at intervals by the "Indian Rope Trick." It looks like a blessing for some newspapers that Tut's remains were found.

Apparently there's many a slip 'tween the hide and the leather.

Trouble about this Canton gamble is that everybody's hand of cards looks the same from the back.

After taking away nearly everything in the way of championships, Shanghai now has designs on our peace of mind.

Some of our officials are not big enough for their jobs. What we want is the man who can fill the Wanchai Gap.

Judging from the size of some of those eggs, the hens must be glad that Easter comes but once a year.

Those folks continually on their uppers have most always the thickest hide.

From the Post: "Some so-called types of Chinese ladies have lowered their necks." They continue, however, to heighten the colour of their cheeks.

We agree with our correspondent who alleges barbarous treatment in the case of the man last week who had a bit of his beard pulled away.

It is not always the thickest hide which is generally treated to sole leather.

To judge from recent interviews published in the local press, the average Hongkong man doesn't know any more what is going on at the P.W.D. than the officials do.

An English brain specialist says that "gullibility is a form of mental derangement." Proposed, seconded and carried nem. con. that three lakhs be budgetted for an extension of our lunatic asylum.

Now that Tut's tomb has been opened, bobbed hair may again be fashionable.

The new dresses, they say, are low in the back and high in the front, but still we haven't heard of any dear lady deciding to put on her old dress backwards.

Kids in Hongkong nowadays have all the luck. Quite a few, it appears, are without teachers.

A correspondent in the Shanghai press says in effect that his wooden houses are occasional city leads in swear words. Why wouldn't it?

The professional optimist is almost as big a bore as the professional pessimist. As a rule he perspires a great deal more freely, too.

There is some talk about another new hotel in Shanghai. It will cost \$6,000,000. We hope to announce later if this is the cost or the rate.

We had no idea Easter was so near until we read somewhere about an egg shortage.

"It is well-known that several in a local contemporary that the non-explosives combine to produce the explosive," writes a correspondent this week in the Post. True. The best instance of this is got by uniting a selfish man to a woman with a high temper.

The way some folk keep on talking of how easy it is to provide more Peak Trams would suggest that what they most need is Teak Planks.

It was, of course, a mere coincidence that, at the recent Dock meeting, Mr. Bird should express a wish to fly home.

There's been quite some talk lately of where to build, isn't the chief difficulty of the matter, how?

Modern education is a wonder-ful exercise for the jaws—of some of our landlords would have educationists.

Boiled down, Mr. Macdonald's sermon last Sunday was as follows:—Where you started isn't as important as where you are, which isn't nearly as important as where you are going.

In another ten years or so, what with radio and the like, there won't be much need for the person to bother about shaving on a Sunday morning.

Trouble about Ice House Street is that you have to be as busy as a bee to keep from being stung.

The cost of an air service from Hongkong shouldn't be so expensive. We would point out that we already have the air.

This aeroplane talk reminds us that it is about time we had hot air regulations.

It would cost a mint of money to go by air from Hongkong to Baghdad, but even then you wouldn't be much worse off.

"18 Hours Snow: Peak District Isolated by Heavy Fall," says the *Daily Mirror*. Keep your seats; you haven't a monopoly in reservations.

The Easter Hymn: "Ten thousand times ten thousand."

On the other hand, we believe the British Legion have been practising "Showers of blessings we need."

One of the things, we may yet see: A Hongkong policeman holding up a motor car to allow pedestrians to cross the street.

It may have been because of the Easter season, but an Esama member was heard the other night referring to St. Paul.

The other day we overheard a lady in the Peak Tram describe the Helena May institute as "a useful place in which to change one's clothes." Judging from the daily clothes-line display, we should think they're washed there, too.

Trim ankles trim men; which reminds us that the warm weather will be here in a few weeks unless we have a public meeting about it.

"Scant of Royal Perfumes Lives 3,000 Years in Tomb," says a newspaper heading dealing with the Egyptian discoveries. That easily beats Kowloon City records.

Pola Negri says there are a thousand reasons why she should not marry Charlie Chaplin. She must have been having a chat with the former Mrs. Chaplin. Personally we don't like his feet.

We commend to those enthusiasts who are forever boosting their wooden houses an occasional city leads in swear words. Why wouldn't it?

ITALIAN CONVENT.

Shorthand and Typewriting Successes.

The results of examinations in typewriting and Pitman's shorthand held in December at the Italian Convent, Caine Road, have arrived from Bath and are as follow:—

Amanuensis Certificate, 100 words a minute:—Miss Dolly Hanson.

Amanuensis Certificate, 80 words a minute:—Misses Ada Pepperell, Jacintha Domingo and Daisy Dunnett.

Speed, 80 words a minute:—Miss Beatrice Santos.

Theory Certificate:—Misses Gertie Julian (1st.), Rosa Rosario (2nd.), Beatrice Gill (3rd.), Daisy Dunnett, Conchita del Pan, Ettie Rosario, Iris Warnes, Dorothy Wiltshire, Amy Statham and Queenie Julian.

Full Certificate:—Misses Frances Dunn, Dorothy Murray, Catherine Hunt and Dolores Talmage.

PEAK TRAMS.

Movements of Troops.

The following notification appears in Command Orders:—

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TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Thursday's Results.

The best game in the Hongkong Cricket Club tennis tournament on Thursday was started so late that it was found impossible to finish it and it will have to be all played over again. M. W. Lo (who has been challenger for the last few seasons) was opposed by H. D. Rumjahn. A large crowd watched the game and applauded the players for their fine exhibition. It was a hard tussle all the way and when the falling light put an end to the game the Indian was leading by two sets to one. He took the first set at 7-5, the second at 8-6 and the third Lo claimed 6-2. Rumjahn showed fine fighting form. After Lo was leading in the first set at 4-1 he gradually pulled up, making it four all and then playing the steadier game went on to win at 7-5. In the second set Lo was frequently up at the net but Rumjahn countered with some accurately placed shots up the sideline and often had the Chinese player beaten. Lo won the third set fairly easily, placing very accurately.

Two other games were played in the Singles Championship, Thomas Lay defeating F. Wheeler in three straight sets and V. Yvanovich taking three out of four sets from Yew Man-tsun.

The results were:—Open Champion Singles: Thomas Lay beat F. Wheeler 6-3, 6-2, 6-4; V. Yvanovich beat Yew Man-tsun 6-2, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "B": W. N. Nicholson (+ 1/6) beat K. W. Lane (- 3/6), 6-2, 6-4.

Handicap Double: A. D. Humphreys and G. B. Sayer (- 4/6) beat B. Crowley and G. Ellams (+ 4/6), 6-2, 6-2; F. A. Dinsdale and E. C. Hagen (- 4/6) beat D. G. O. Neish and G. P. Menzies (+ 2/5), 6-4, 6-4; F. A. Redmond and N. H. Roffey (- 2/6) beat R. E. Worthington and H. E. Grace (- 15/4), 4-6, 6-8, 6-3.

Mixed Doubles: G. W. Sewell and Miss Irving (+ 15) beat J. A. Fraser and Dr. Gladys Turner (+ 1/6), 6-1, 6-2; C. Thorne and Mrs. Thorne (+ 15.1) beat R. E. Worthington and Miss G. Grace (- 80), 6-8, 6-2.

CHARITY CONCERT.

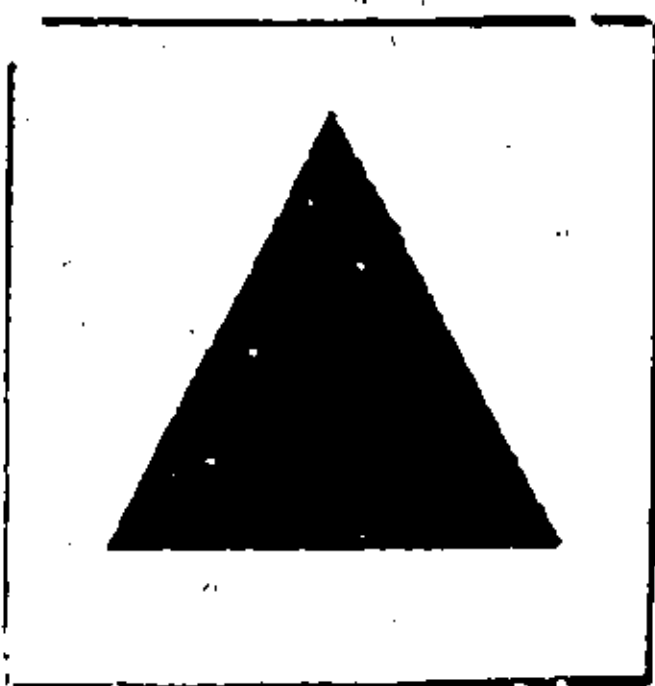
At Government House.

The first of the two forthcoming concerts in aid of Welfare Work in London—a work that should be supported by every Englishman overseas—will take place at Government House (by kind permission of H. E. the Governor) on the 5th inst. at 9.15 p.m.

Mrs. Mathieson, Mr. Eric Rice and Mr. Harry Ore will provide the programme which includes modern English songs and piano compositions of Schuman, Chopin and Rachmaninoff. The latter composer's Fantasia for two pianos will be played by Mr. Harry Ore and Mr. Eric Rice.

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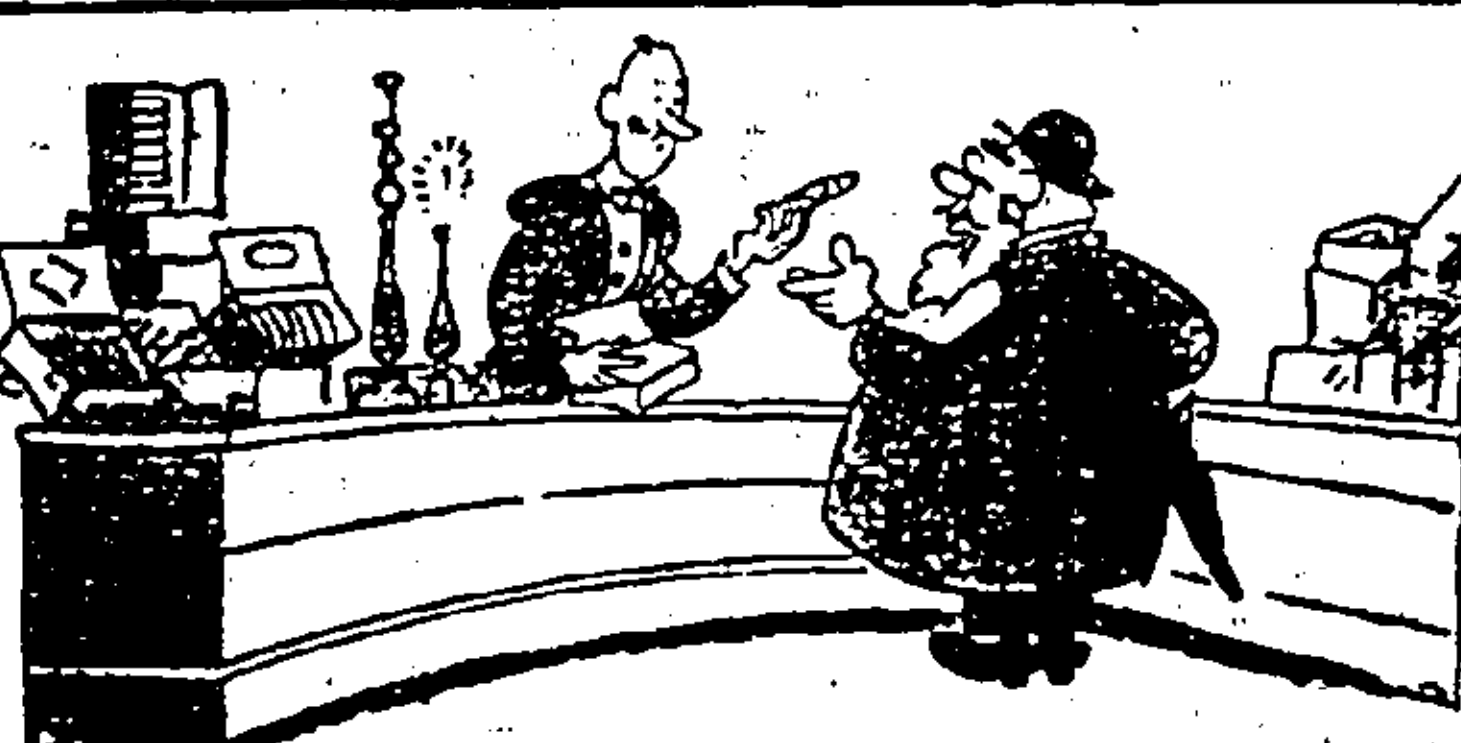
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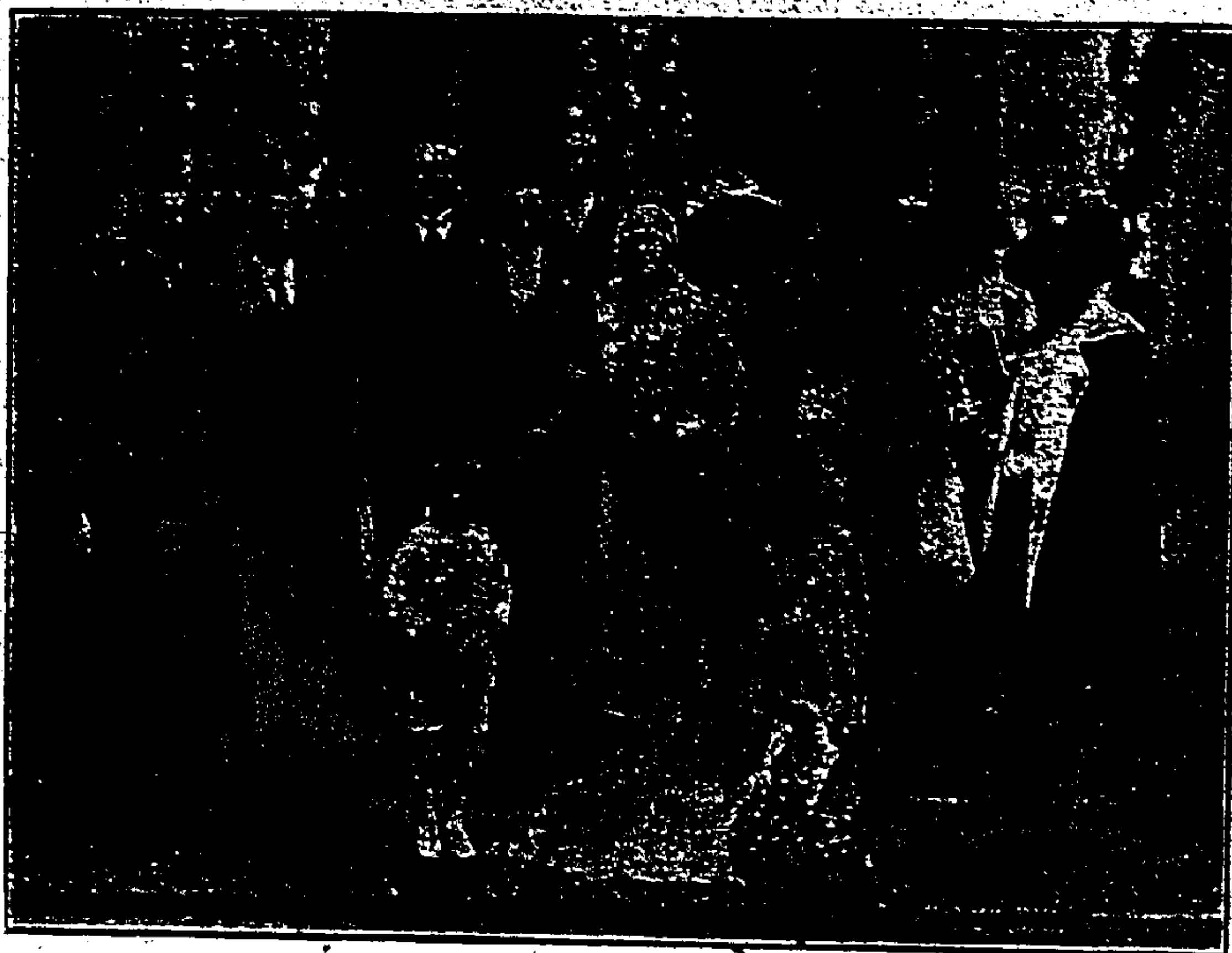


Photo: Mee Cheung.

Wedding of Mr. R. S. Logan and Miss Jessie Jack.



Photo: Ming Yuen.

Group taken at wedding of Mr. Charles Choa and Miss Eileen Lo.



Professor Charles E. Pellew, who has become the sixth Viscount of Exmouth through the death of his father who succeeded to the title last August on the death of a cousin.



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Staff of St. Paul's Boys' College.



*French officers are shown here posting the proclamations in public places to inform Ruhr citizens of the rules which must be observed during the period of occupation.

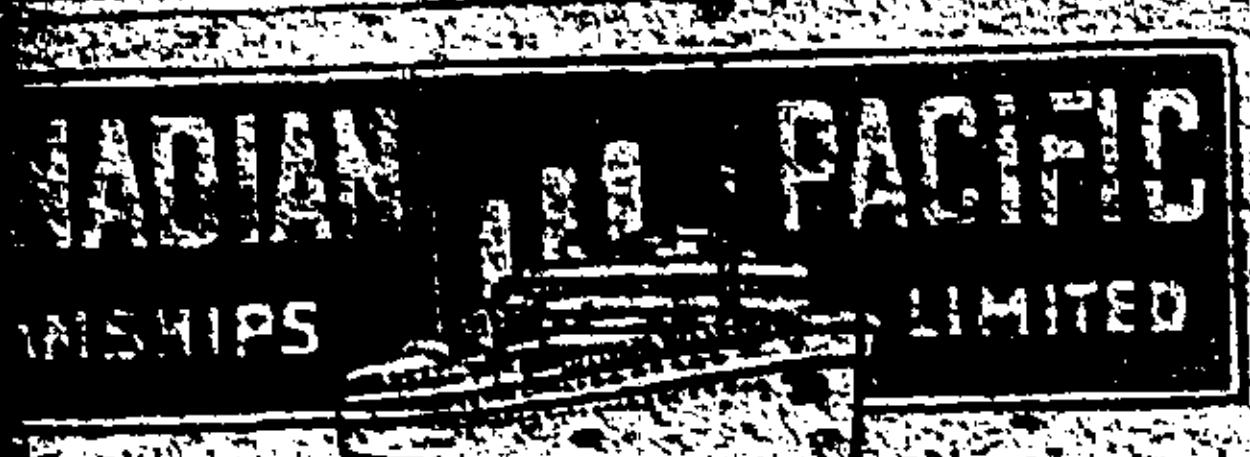


General Mangin, commander of the French cavalry in the Ruhr.



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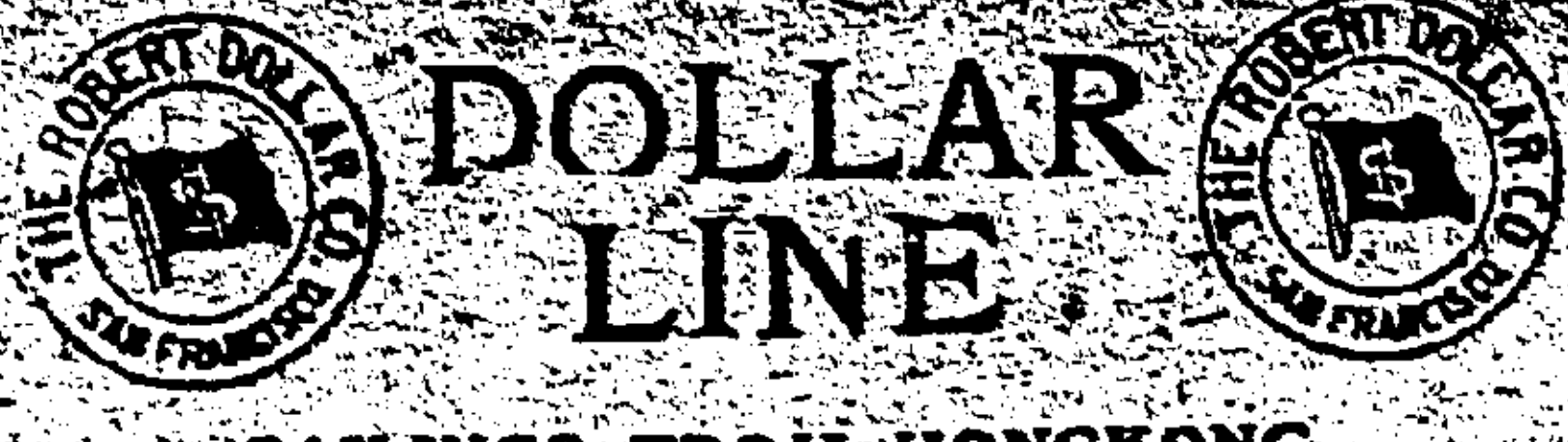
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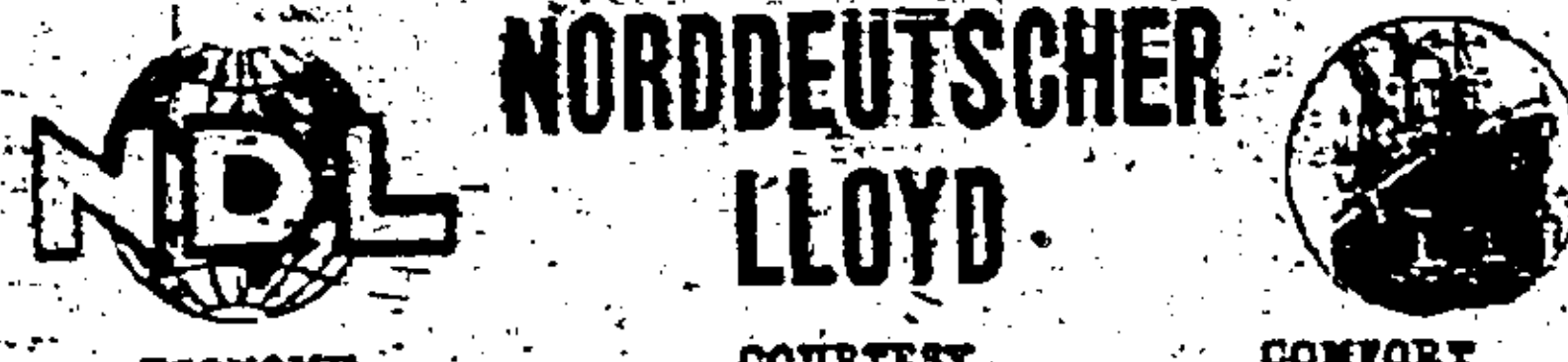
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KAGA MARU	—	—
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FUSHIMI MARU	Wednesday, 11th Apr.	—
MISHIMA MARU	Wednesday, 25th Apr.	—

HAMBURG via LONDON & ROTTERDAM.
MATSUMOTO MARU ... Sunday, 15th Apr.
LIVERPOOL via MARSEILLES & VALENCIA.

Steamer	From Hong-kong (about)	Destination
LYONS MARU	Friday, 6th Apr.	—
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via Manila, etc.	—	—
YOSHINO MARU	Wednesday, 18th Apr.	—
AKI MARU	Wednesday, 16th May	—

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TAKETOYO MARU ... Middle April.
BUENOS AIRES via S'pore, Delagoa Bay, Durban & Cape Town.
KANAGAWA MARU ... Friday, 13th Apr.

BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang & Colombo.
TOKUSHIMA MARU ... Sunday, 1st Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.
NURORAN MARU ... Sunday, 8th Apr.

YAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
AKI MARU ... Thursday, 12th Apr.

SHANGHAI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.
DAXAR MARU ... Tuesday, 3rd Apr.
KITANO MARU ... Wednesday, 11th Apr.
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City of Simla	—	Marseilles, London & Hamburg.

HOMEWARDS.

City of Simla	—	Marseilles, London & Hamburg.
City of Poona	28th Apr.	—

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SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

Destination	Steamer	Sailing	
HAIPHONG via Hothow Mangsang	Sat.	31st Mar. at 10 a.m.	
STRAITS, C'ia via Amoy Kwansang	Sat.	31st Mar. at 10 a.m.	
SHAI via S'ow, Ningpo Kwansang	Sun.	1st Apr. at 8 a.m.	
TIENSIN	Chongching	Tues.	3rd Apr. at noon
BANGKOK via Swatow Chakwang	Tues.	3rd Apr. at noon	
SHANGHAI via Swatow Wingsang	Wed.	4th Apr. at noon	
KOBE via Shanghai	Kutwang	Wed.	4th Apr. at noon
SAIGON	Mansang	Wed.	4th Apr. at 5 p.m.
SHANGHAI via Swatow Taisang	Fri.	6th Apr. at noon	
MANILA	Yuehsang	Fri.	6th Apr. at 3 p.m.
STRAITS & Calcutta	Fookwang	Sat.	14th Apr. at 3 p.m.
KOBE via Shanghai	Namsang	Thurs.	19th Apr. at noon
KOBE	Namsang	Fri.	20th Apr. at noon
SANDAKAN	Namsang	Fri.	20th Apr. at 2 p.m.
BANGKOK via Hothow Chakwang	Sat.	31st Apr. at 10 a.m.	

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Haichong...	W. O. Faremore	FRI, 6th Apr. at 1 p.m.
Haichong...	Ellis Walker	TUES, 10th Apr. at noon

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and to the balance on subsequent
demand as and when further
capital is required.

The subscription list is now
open and will be closed on or be-
fore the 31st. day of March, 1923.

Copies of the prospectus and
forms of Application can be
obtained from the Company's
Bankers, the Hongkong and
Shanghai Banking Corporation,
and from the temporary offices of
the Company in Powell's Build-
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Road Central, Hongkong.

This Notice is not to be regard-
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application will only be received
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therewith.

Dated the 24th. day of March,
1923.

T. A. BARRY,
Powell's Building,
Hongkong;
Secretary Pro tem.

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FROM this date and during
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PAUL LAUDER, is appointed
Acting General Manager of the
Society.

By Order of the Board,
G. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 28th. March 1923.

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ANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

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from the Colony, Mr. PAUL
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By Order of the Board,
G. MONTAGUE EDE,
General Manager.
Hongkong, 28th. March 1923.

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EASTER HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 30th March, Saturday, 31st March, and Easter Monday,
the Post Office and the Branch Post Offices will be open as follows:-
The G.P.O. and Kowloon Branch Office 8 to 9 a.m. only.
Wanchai, Tsimshui, and Yau Ma Tei Branches 8 to 9 a.m. & 5 to 6 p.m.
Shanghai Branch Office 8 to 9 a.m. & 5 to 6 p.m.
The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the holidays. There will
be one collection from the Philatelic boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence
each day as on Sunday and one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m. There
will be one delivery from the Branch Offices each day at noon.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Japan	Tokushima M.	31st Mar.
Seigon	Lieutenant Saint Lambert	31st
U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	Tanda	1st April.
Shanghai	President Pierce	1st
Europe via Suez, (Letters & Papers, London 1st March.)	Liangchow	1st
India	British India	2nd
Malaya	British Malaya	2nd
Straits	British Straits	2nd
U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	British India	2nd
London, (Parcels 28th Feb.)	British India	7th

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	On
Swatow, Amoy & Keelung	Kaijo M.	Sun., 1 inst., 9 a.m.
Java via Batavia	Tjimanok M.	Mon., 2 inst., 9 a.m.
Amoy	Lochow	Mon., 2 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow	Hydrangia	Mon., 2 inst., 9 a.m.
Amoy	Liangchow	Mon., 2 inst., 9 a.m.
Haiphong, Saigon, "Straits," Ceylon, "Mauritius," "Madagascar," "Africa," "India via Dhannakhodi," Egypt, Aden & Europe via Marseilles	Porthos	Mon., 2 inst., 9 a.m.

For	Per	On
Straits & Calcutta	Tanda	(Due Marseilles 4th May) Sun., 1 inst., 9 a.m.
Swatow & Bangkok	Kaijo M.	Tues., 3 inst., 11.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Haiching	Tues., 3 inst., 10.30 a.m.
Philippine Is.	Teau	Wed., 3 inst., noon.
Keelung & Honolulu	Kishu M.	Tues., 3 inst., 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C & S. America & Europe via Victoria	Sbinyo M.	Tues., 3 inst., 7.30 a.m.

For	Per	On
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Teau	Wed., 4 inst., 3.30 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C & S. America & Europe via Victoria	Haiching	Wed., 4 inst., 5 p.m.
Vancouver B.C.	Exp. of Canada	Fri. 6th. Parcels 5 p.m.

For	Per	On
Straits, Ceylon, Mauritius, L. Marques, S. Africa, India via Dhannakhodi, Adm. Egypt & Europe via Marseilles	Dongola	Tues. 3rd. Parcels 5 p.m.
		Wed., 4 inst., 9 a.m.

For	Per	On
Straits & Calcutta	Lake Faik	(Due Marseilles 4th May) Wed., 4 inst., 3.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Fochow	Haiching	Wed., 4 inst., 5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C & S. America & Europe via Victoria	Exp. of Canada	Fri. 6th. Parcels 5 p.m.

For	Per	On
Philippine Islands	Pres. Jackson	Sat., 7 inst., 3.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

CHURCH NOTICES.

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St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong.—
1st April, 1923, Easter Sunday.
Holy Communion (7 and 8 a.m.),
Children's Service (3.30 p.m.),
Hymns, 124, 573, 333, 334.
Matins (11 a.m.) Responses,
Ferial; Special Anthems, Hum-
phreys; Psalms, 2 Cocks, 111.
Humphreys; Te Deum, Havergal.

Trent, Havergal.—7th day);
Benedictus, Bennett (23rd even-
ing); Anthem, "Author of Life,"
Adlam, Hymns, 134, 246. Holy
Communion (12 noon), Evensong
(6 p.m.) Responses, Ferial;
Psalm, 113. Battishill, 114. T.P.,
113 Goodson; Magnificat, Smart;
Nunc Dimittis, Barnby; Hymns,
134, 125, 140, 138.
First Church of Christ, Scientist,
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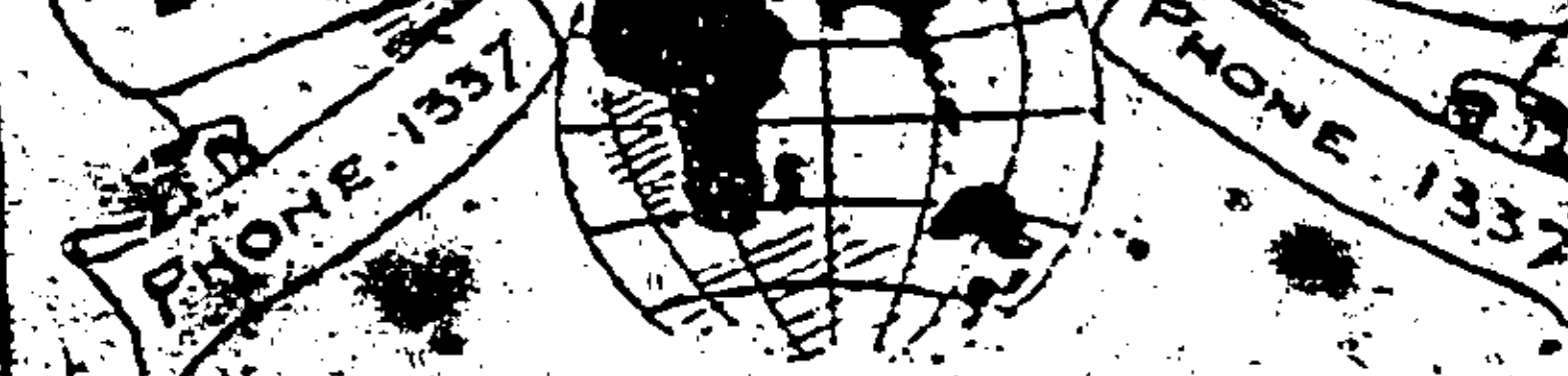
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